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THURSDAY, May 11, 1893.

TOWN & COUNTY

Mining in Pinal county is looking up.

New alfalfa is selling at \$8 per ton, loose; \$10 baled.

Found—A rawhide lariat. Apply to C. S. LeBaron, prove property and pay charges.

There has recently been a very rich mineral strike about fifteen miles from Florence.

Last Sunday General Thomas F. Wilson of Tucson, was a visitor at his ranche near Arizola.

Last week the Forman outfit completed their rodeo, winding up operations at the reservoir.

Mr. M. R. Moore is experimenting for propagating a new orange. He aspires to produce a Navel Seedling.

Mr. G. W. Saunders is clearing 300 acres of land for himself and Mrs. Pomeroy, some two miles from Arizola.

Last week Lieutenant Bryan was over from Fort Bowie to visit his extensive ranche not far from Arizola.

Mr. Calvert Wilson is arranging to erect a house on his ranche just east of town. Work will begin July 1st.

The work on 'THE OASIS' new building is a credit to Arizola's capable and energetic builder, Mr. Maurice Stevens.

The new cottage just east of the hotel, for Colonel Thomas' residence, is rapidly being pushed to completion.

Monday evening Mr. Thos. Kane of Phoenix, was at Arizola en route to Nogales, going across the country by team.

The assessed valuation of Pinal Co. is nearly two million dollars. In this district the assessment has increased \$60,000 in the past year.

Last week Mr. George Morse completed the first cutting of alfalfa on the Wilson ranche, just east of town. A large crop was realized.

A construction train was at work in the vicinity of Arizola and Casa Grande several days last week, repairing station buildings, bridges, etc.

This week Mr. Peter Loss has put fifty head of steers to pasture on alfalfa at the Hill ranche, about four miles north-east of Arizola.

A colony of seventeen families from the Pecos Valley, in New Mexico, is about to locate in the great Casa Grande Valley, not far from Arizola.

Charley McCulloch and Joe Hemstone, a couple of bright Casa Grande youngsters, were at Arizola Tuesday to take in the marvels of a prairie outfit.

A Necessary Thoroughfare.

At a recent meeting of the board of supervisors of Pinal county a petition numerously signed was presented asking establishment of a county road from a point on the railway near Casa Grande, along the north line of the Arizola townsite, thence in a north-easterly direction, on a nearly straight line to Florence. The board has given the notice required by law that the matter will be considered at a special meeting on the twentieth of May.

A great deal of the necessary work of opening the proposed road has already been done, at no cost to the county whatever, and they will complete the entire line. All asked is that the supervisors adopt the same as a public highway in order that it may be kept in repair with public money, which is contributed in part from the road tax levied upon the property of the petitioners, (who will use the proposed road more than all others in the county), and will not absorb the full amount of their contribution to the road fund.

The wants and needs of Arizola in this matter are worthy of consideration by the county authorities. At this place is an enterprise that has already greatly increased the assessed valuation of Pinal county, added to the population, and is projected to continue doing both in an ever increasing ratio. Those who have settled and invested here, and those they are inducing to do likewise, are entitled to a direct road to the county seat, have asked for such a road, after constructing the way, and their request should be granted. It will harm no one, and greatly convenience the new colony.

Last month Colonel D. S. Thomas took off from his alfalfa field the first cutting of hay that yielded three tons per acre, now worth eight dollars per acre. He then rented it for pasture until November to Mr. Peter Loss, at a cash rent of twenty-four dollars an acre, making a revenue for the season of forty-eight dollars per acre. That is a good showing on land that a year ago was desert, and cost only the government price and a water right in the Florence canal.

THE OASIS man recently saw a novel method of relieving cattle from alfalfa bloat. The owner of a suffering cow thrust a length of rubber hose down her throat to the seat of the difficulty. The confined gas belched forth, giving the animal instant relief, and she walked away as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Mr. Albert Grover, Arizola's enterprising merchant, carries a large and fine stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc. His goods are all fresh and new and his stock well kept up. His place of business is in the new brick building facing the railroad, about midway between the hotel and THE OASIS building.

Mr. W. C. Reed of Casa Grande, has this season planted 160 acres in alfalfa a couple of miles northwest of Arizola. It is growing vigorously, and will very shortly be one of the prize alfalfa farms of Southern Arizona. The great Casa Grande Valley has the making of numerous such places.

The Florence pharmacy carries an extensive line of drugs, perfumery and toilet articles. Mr. C. W. French, the manager, is an accomplished pharmacist, and all prescriptions entrusted to him are skillfully and carefully compounded.

Mr. W. L. Herbert is arranging to clear about 800 acres of land this season, near Lieutenant Bryan's place, northwest of Arizola. The new land is the property of Mr. Herbert, Mr. Craig and others, and will be put under cultivation.

Arizola for alibids.

The Casa Grande branch of the L. W. Blinn Lumber Co. carries a large stock of lumber and a full line of lath, shingles, doors, windows, mouldings, hair, lime, cement and all sorts of building materials. Mr. A. G. Williams, the local agent in charge, may be found at the company's office at all times, prepared to serve the public. Observe the advertisement in another column.

Judge W. T. Day, former superintendent of the Vekol mine, has gone to Quijotoa, in which vicinity he has developed a valuable gold property upon which he has recently erected a quartz mill that is now reducing ore. His mine is about thirty miles south of Vekol and seventy miles from Casa Grande, the latter place being the shipping point.

Wednesday evening of last week Mr. W. L. Herbert returned from Fort Bowie, whither he had gone to bring over a team for Lieutenant Bryan's ranche. He came through the Chiricahua mountains and San Carlos reservation, and reports having had a very pleasant trip, but that he is glad to get back to Arizola.

Mr. Joseph H. Flies, the Casa Grande merchant, has been very ill a couple of weeks past, and is in the hospital of the Sisters of Mercy at Tucson, for treatment. His trouble is brain fever and malaria. During his absence his business affairs are managed by his sister, Mrs. De Martini of Fairbanks.

Engineers in the interests represented by Doctor A. J. Chandler of the Consolidated Canal Co., at Mesa City, are making surveys, soundings, etc., at the big reservoir site at the Florence Buttes. It is thought this indicates the probability of an early commencement of construction work.

Miss Florence Reed of Casa Grande, who went east last month, writes her parents from Philadelphia, that the season is very backward in Pennsylvania. In her journey east she encountered much cold and stormy weather, and saw no clear day after passing Las Vegas.

Friday of last week Mr. W. H. Moulthrop, travelling auditor for the S. P. company, and Mr. E. D. Crumb, who holds a like position with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express company, visited Arizola and Casa Grande to check up the station and office accounts.

Colonel D. S. Thomas of Arizola, has been commissioned a member of the Advisory Council of Farm Culture and Cereal Industry of the World's Auxiliary Congress, at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago on October 16.

Those in want of fine footwear will find it advantageous to consult Mr. A. Sanchez the prize shoemaker, at Florence. Mr. Sanchez holds three medals from the Arizona territorial fair for fine work exhibited.

Saturday last Mr. Gretzell, a representative of the San Francisco board of trade, who had been making a business visit of a couple or three weeks duration, returned to San Francisco.

THE OASIS is credibly informed that negotiations are on foot with California capitalists and medical gentlemen looking to the establishment of a large sanitarium at Arizola.

Mr. M. R. Moore reports that the olive orchard recently planted on his homestead two miles east of town, is looking finely. The trees are all well rooted and seem thriving.

The big ranche of Logan & Dunn of Chicago, which adjoins Arizola on the west, is a scene of busy industry. It is kept in fine condition and shows a deal of care.

Mr. C. S. LeBaron has recently put water on his homestead, under the Florence canal. He has fenced in a portion and planted it in alfalfa.

An Arizona Industry.

At Florence recently THE OASIS editor was shown in the shop of Mr. W. T. Wright samples of work he is turning out, manufacture of which he is preparing to undertake on an extensive scale. The work consists of center tables, cabinets, picture frames and numerous other articles of bric a brac, made from the woods and leaves of various varieties of cacti. The material used consists mainly of wood cut from the different kinds of cholla, of which there are four, and leaves of the tuna. From the mill, a very hard grained wood, is susceptible of being carved and is used in construction of the work. The skeletons of the tuna leave a gossamer web that can be varnished or gilded in a variety of styles, any of which is beautiful for ornamentation in numerous ways, making handsome mats for picture frames, covers for handkerchiefs, cases, glove boxes, and jewel cases, lamp screens, etc. Forked branches of the cholla make the feet and standards of very handsome center tables, the tops consisting of numerous pieces of the wood carefully cut from cholla sticks, neatly joined and highly polished. Cabinets, work boxes and numerous other articles are made in the same way from small slabs of cholla, carefully joined, highly polished and elegantly carved. Each and every article made is very handsome and artistic, and will readily command high prices wherever lovers of bijouterie and bric a brac are found.

For manufacture of this work on an extensive scale a corporation has been organized and has established at Tempe a plant, for which new and improved machinery is being made in the east from special designs, and will soon be in operation.

An extensive display of this work has been included in the Arizona exhibit at the World's Fair, where it will doubtless command universal attention. The market that can be secured for this kind of work will make its manufacture a great and permanent resource for Southern Arizona.

The Demorest Medal.

Tuesday evening the schoolhouse at Casa Grande was filled by an appreciative audience drawn by the Demorest medal contest that had been announced.

Under direction of Reverend Crouch, Miss Bessie Marshall presiding at the organ, the following interesting programme was rendered:

1. Hymn.—Rescue the Perishing.
2. Prayer.
3. Reading.—The Last Blow.
Miss Bessie Marshall.
4. Reading.—Personal Liberty.
Reverend Crouch.
5. Reading.—Liquor Propositions.
Miss Minnie Marshall.
6. Song.—Sweet Sabbath Eve.
Mrs. D. H. Smith, Miss Bessie Marshall, Miss Bertha Smith.
7. Recitation.—
Noble Christian Womanhood.
Maggie Megeson.
8. Recitation.—
Prohibition's Battle Call.
Bessie English.
9. Song.—Don't Stay Late To-Night.
Mrs. Smith, Misses Marshall, and Miss Bertha Smith.
10. Recitation.—
Don't You Hear the Bangle Calling?
Katie Forbach.

The committee to adjudge the contest, consisting of Mr. Williams, Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Bird, awarded the medal to Miss Maggie Megeson.

After the exercises were finished ice cream and cakes were served, and the assembled company passed the rest of the evening in pleasant social reunion.

At prices for hay alfalfa lands in Southern Arizona will this year net their fortunate owners \$60 per acre. And lands that will do so can be had at \$25 to \$50.

Wednesday of last week Mr. Peter Loss put fifty-nine head of cattle on pasture on Colonel Thomas' ranche.